



# THE BIG BENDER

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## Presidents Message:

Hello all,

It is the time of year to starting the process of who is going to get the lucky job of joining our Big Bend Leadership.

Currently, we are looking for three people to volunteer to be on the Nominating Committee. This honorable committee has the duty of seeking out the luckiest member of our amazing club to fill the position as Second Vice President.

Of course, if YOU would be a great fit for these positions, please let me know!!!

I can say with great pride, that going through the positions, from Second VP, all the way to PRESIDENT, it is such a feel good way to represent our club. I can say with certainty, that leading this group, is very rewarding and will fill your heart all the time, it is truly a pleasure.

If you want more information, reach out and I can chat with you, about what all this entails. 478-284-2847. I also may be reaching out to you:)

It has been a blast watching some of you in your summer adventures. If you have anything to share, I am here for you.

Lindsay



**THE  
PRESIDENTIAL  
FLYER****MAY 18, 2024**

## Georgia Veterans State Park Cordele, Georgia

There were a total of 25 in attendance. Craig and Monica Brinkley, Jason Friedrich, Sammy and Chris Stockstill, Chad and Dolores Jones, Debra and Charlie Skyes, Gary and RoseMarie Anderson, Scott and Jan Pfaff, Rick and Birdie Gardner, Brent and Donna Mayo, Winston and Carol Montague, Dan and Jessica Susich and the Corbetts.

We had our Thursday evening gathering and our Friday breakfast of bagels, quiche and Jason's wonderful coffee at our very spacious site before the rain started and it rained!! No lake activity to be had so everyone went their own way. A small group of us, based on Monicia's Southern Living reading, headed to the 'town' of Pitts to check out the Oliver Farms Sunflower Store and local butcher shop and, of course, a stop for some refreshing beverages.

The rain continued all day so we elected to postpone our burger night until Saturday evening.

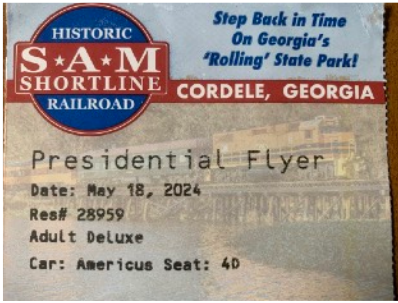
Saturday was our train trip on the Presidential Flyer to Plains, Georgia and Jimmy Carter's boyhood home along with experiencing peanut ice cream! Our SAM Shortline railroad train excursion became a record for them. We were delayed on the way up to, and on the return due to trees falling on the line. This does happen in Spring but definitely two times!!

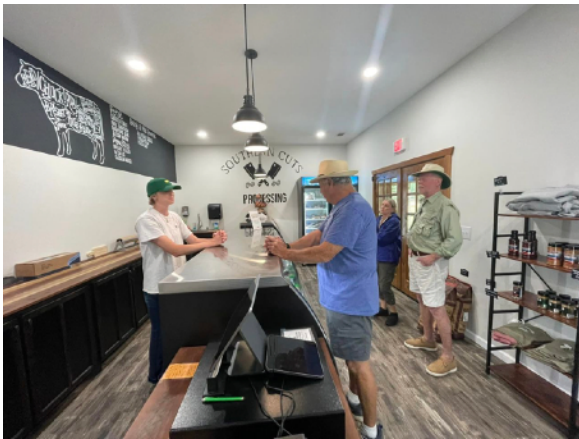
The recent heavy rain of the prior weeks certainly didn't help matters. Thankfully we were greeted with sunshine on our return to Lake Blackshear so our burger night was a go!

Many thanks for our super-cook Scott and his assistant Jan for the great burgers. A great thank you to everyone who pitched in to help us throughout the weekend, we couldn't have done it without you!

Sunday we said our goodbyes and headed down the road.

~Julie Ludlow







**We Rally Together**  
AirstreamClub.org

# POP-UP SUMMER MEET-UP!



## Brewery Pop-Ups!



Tallahassee

Text:

Laurie and Pat Jones  
954-242-2987



Santa Rosa Beach

Text:

Lindsay and Randy  
478-284-2847

If interested, text the hosts, to arrange a time and date.



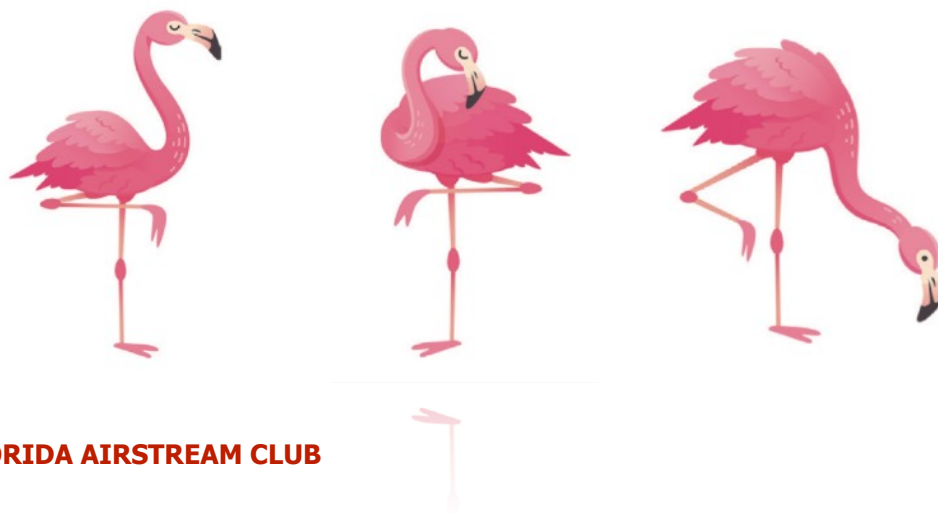
If you would like to host a brewery pop-up in a town near you, text Lindsay, to help get the word out.

Date 2024	Campground	Where	Notes	Hosts	Reservation Information
<b>September 12-15</b> "Happy Birthday Big Bend"	Live Oak Landing	Freeport, Florida	Kayaking to Cypress Springs	Lindsay & Randy Vince & Dian	<b>Reservation window is now open.</b>  (877) 436-5063
<b>October 5-12</b> "International Rally"	Missouri State Fairgrounds	Sedalia, Missouri	Camp with 1200 of your Airstream Friends		<b>Reservation window is now open on the ACI website.</b>
<b>October 24-27</b> "Sunets and Sunrises"	St. Andrews State Park	Panama City, Florida	Beach Rally	RoseMarie & Gary Sammy & Chris	<b>Reservation window is now open.</b> <a href="https://www.floridastateparks.org/">https://www.floridastateparks.org/</a>
<b>November 7-10</b> "BINGO!"	Hidden Hollow RV Park	Cottonwood, AL	Installation Rally		<b>Reservation window is now open.</b>  (334) 452-4229
<b>February 7-9 2025</b> "Campers and Caves"	Florida Caverns State Park	Marianna, FL		<b>Host Needed</b>	<b>Reservation window now open.</b> <a href="https://www.floridastateparks.org/">https://www.floridastateparks.org/</a>
<b>March 20-23 2025</b> "Football and Fighters"	Chewacla State Park	Auburn, AL	Planning on tour of Auburn Football Facilities on Friday. Make reservations in the 2nd Loop (17-36)	Pat & Laurie	<b>Reservation window is now open.</b>  <a href="http://alapark.com">alapark.com</a>

<p><b>April 25-27 2025</b> "Rallyantic Atlantic"</p>	<p>Anastasia State Park</p>	<p>St. Augustine, Florida</p>	<p><b>Host Needed</b></p>	<p><b>Reservation window is now open.</b>  <a href="https://www.floridastateparks.org/">https://www.floridastateparks.org/</a></p>
<p><b>May 16-18 2025</b> "Race Ya!"</p>	<p>Champions Run RV Resort</p>	<p>Ocala, Florida</p>	<p>Bill &amp; Kathy Neider</p>	<p><b>Request for Reservations starts 5/16/24</b></p>
<p><b>August 23-28 2025</b> "International Rally"</p>	<p>York Expo Center</p>	<p>York, Pennsylvania</p>		<p><b>Reservation window TBD</b></p>
<p><b>September 25-27 2025</b> "It's Very Nice!"</p>	<p>Rocky Bayou State Park</p>	<p>Niceville, Florida</p>	<p><b>Host Needed</b></p>	<p><b>Reservation window: FI Res- 10/24/24 Non Res- 11/24/24</b>  <a href="https://www.floridastateparks.org/">https://www.floridastateparks.org/</a></p>
<p><b>October 24-26 2025</b> "Relaxing Rally"</p>	<p>Travelers Rest</p>	<p>Dade City, Florida</p>	<p>Gary &amp; RoseMarie Anderson</p>	<p><b>Request for reservations starts 10/24/24</b>  <a href="http://www.travelersrestresort.com">www.travelersrestresort.com</a></p>

**DON'T FORGET TO FILL OUT THE JOTFORM ON THE ACI WEBSITE TO LET THE HOSTS KNOW YOU ARE COMING!!!**

**\*Some 2025 rally Jotforms are not available quite yet\***







# BIG BEND FLORIDA AIRSTREAM CLUB

## Celebrating 50 Years!

September 12-15, 2024

LIVE OAK LANDING

229 Pitts Ave

Freeport, Florida 32439

877.436.5063

Event Hosts:

Lindsay & Randy

Vince & Dian



**THE EPIC EVENT WHERE  
AIRSTREAM OWNERS UNITE IN A  
SHARED PASSION FOR  
ADVENTURE, EXPLORATION AND  
THE ICONIC AIRSTREAM  
LIFESTYLE.**

**Join us for tons of Fun in the Fall at the 67th Annual Airstream  
Club International Rally in Sedalia, Missouri:  
October 5-10, 2024.**

**Get ready for all the treasured traditions of adventure and  
friendship at ACI Rally2024, coupled with the fantastic tastes,  
sights, smells and temperatures of fall in the Midwest**

**Photos: Rock Springs, WY- International Rally 2023**







**\$55 a night, \$35 for 20+ Rigs.  
25% off Military Discount**

**National Peanut Festival**  
**November 1-10, 2024**  
<https://www.nationalpeanutfestival.com/>

**The Crossing at Big Creek**  
<https://thecrossingbigcreek.com/>



# Florida Caverns State Park

**February 7-9, 2025**

Reservations Available:  
Residents: March 10, 2024  
Non-Residents: April 7, 2024

3345 Caverns Road  
Marianna, Florida 32446  
[FloridaStateParks.org](http://FloridaStateParks.org)



FOOTBALL AND FIGHTERS!

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MARCH 20-23, 2025  
CHEWACLA STATE PARK  
AUBURN, ALABAMA

*Hosted by Pat and Laurie Jones*

PLAN ON COMING ON THURSDAY SO WE CAN  
TOUR THE AUBURN FOOTBALL FACILITIES ON  
FRIDAY.

The poster features a large, detailed illustration of a brown football with white laces and stripes, positioned diagonally across the top half. The background is black. The text is white, with the title 'FOOTBALL AND FIGHTERS!' in a large, bold, serif font. Below the title is a horizontal line. The dates and location are in a smaller, sans-serif font. The host information is in a cursive font. The final line of text is in a small, sans-serif font.



# Rallyantic Atlantic

Anastasia State Park  
St. Augustine, Florida

April 25-27, 2025

**Race Ya!**

**CHAMPIONS RUN**

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**O C A L A**  
LUXURY RV RESORT  
**MAY 16-18, 2025**

**NOW TAKING RESERVATIONS**

**HOSTED BY:  
BILL AND KATHY  
NEIDER**



**It's Really Nice!**

**September 25-27, 2025**

**Niceville, Florida**



***Relaxing at Travelers Rest Rally  
Dade City, Florida***

**October 24-26, 2025**

***Hosted By: Gary and RoseMarie Anderson***



# ★ IMPORTANT NOTICE ★

## Bend has come into the digital world!

Last year the executive board voted to move ahead with using either Venmo or Zelle to allow members to make digital payments for rally fees. Since Wells Fargo uses Zelle, an account has been set up as WBCCI Big Bend Florida club. The treasurer, as the registered agent, is also listed on the account. The club email address is **club153@airstreamclub.org**. Members with Zelle accounts can pay rally fees directly to the Big Bend club through the above email address, as well as the treasurer can reimburse members for rally expenses. Checks and cash payments will still be accepted, further details are below:

### Instructions to send and receive Monies via Zelle - Big Bend Airstream Club

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Many banks have Zelle capabilities, please check first before going to the Zelle APP. I went to upload the APP and it informed me that I should set up my Zelle account through my bank.

When setting up your account please include an email address in your contact information as funds will only be transferred to members email addresses.

To transfer funds to Big Bend please use the the following email address:

**club153@airstreamclub.org**

This email address has been set up for this purpose.

When sending funds please indicate on the memo line what the payment is for. If you are sending payment for multiple items please note the amount for each item.

Any questions please contact me: Julie Ludlow, Treasurer 352-213-3218

# ★ More Important Stuff ★



## Smiling Rally Hosts:

Open Positions include:

- Florida Caverns State Park
- Anastasia State Park
- Rocky Bayou State Park
- Local Summer Luncheons or Happy Hour

If you don't know what this entails, please feel free to reach out, and we can discuss. It's as easy as you decide to make it. AND, it is fun!

Lindsay (478) 284-2847 ★



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groups/1417888775051892/](https://www.facebook.com/groups/1417888775051892/)